

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**CASE NUMBER:**

TN10002-AC, KY11013-AC,  
and TN130140-AC

**VIOLATOR:**

Mr. John Puckett

**ADDRESS** (*Street, City, State, ZIP Code*):

1101 Whiteside Road  
Wartrace, TN 37183

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: August 27, 2009**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(B) Unlawful Acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

John Puckett entered for the purpose of showing the horse, “A White Diamond,” in the 71st Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, TN, where the horse was found sore.

**Date of Violation: August 28, 2009**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(A) Unlawful Acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

John Puckett showed the horse, “Bold Stroke’s Attraction,” while sore at the 71st Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, TN.

**Date of Violation: August 27, 2010**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(B) Unlawful Acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

John Puckett entered for the purpose of showing, the horse, “Hello Generator,” in the 72nd Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, TN, where the horse was found sore.

**Date of Violation: June 8, 2012**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(7) Unlawful Acts**

“The showing or exhibiting at a horse show or horse exhibition; the selling or auctioning at a horse sale or auction; the allowing to be shown, exhibited, or sold at a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction; the entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition; or offering for sale at a horse sale or auction, any horse which is wearing or bearing any equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance which the Secretary by regulation under Section 1828 of this title prohibits to prevent the soring of horses.”

John Puckett entered for the purpose of showing the horse, “A Showdown,” in the Lawrenceburg Lions Cub Fourth Annual Tennessee Walking Horse Show in Lawrenceburg, TN, where the horse tested positive for multiple benzocaine and 0-aminoazotoluene.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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